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SUBJECT: GUAI VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN COUP

REF: KABUL 6200 V

SUGGEST DEPT. MAY WISH PASS KABUL

1. FINOFF PASSED TEXT

THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. ^{HE WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE IT} HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR MESSAGE AND HAD BEEN PREPARING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EDUCATION DELEGATION FOR VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN NEXT WEEK.

2. ~~THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT--AND DISQUIETING--~~
INFORMATION WAS ~~VIEW~~ THAT DAUDU'S COUP WAS BASED
ON THE MILITARY ~~PRESUMPTION~~ YOUNG, PROGRESSIVE OFFICERS
TRAINED IN USSR. ~~SPECULATED~~ THAT SOVIETS
ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED THE COUP. SINCE DAUDU HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED
WITH POLICY OF "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH USSR IN PRE-1963 PERIOD,
THOUGHT COUP WOULD ADD FURTHER ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY
TO THE AREA. -
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